Cloudy and warmer today, followed by rain. Monday rain, followed by clearing and colder.

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POPULAR

GIRLS IN

FAILING TO GET JOB,

C. O. North Disappointed When

Congressman Does Not

Employ Him.

plication for employment received yes-

ceived the disappointing message.

A note he is thought to have writ-

ten several days ago was found in a

bureau drawer in his room. It reads:

will not have to bear them long."

from the representative about noon. He

seemed greatly disappointed at the con-

Was an Engineer.

A sister of the deceased, it is stated,

lives at Walla Walla, Wash., and other

ne lived after the close of the war. The

police will make an effort to communi-

cate with his relatives and advise them

of his death. If they are not found, it

GETS UNWELCOME FREEDOM.

leased From Sing Sing.

Impatience

to Get Work

and to give satisfaction is

a good sign. When would-

be employes use the classified

pages of The Star they meet

the employer more than half way. Their approach is timed at the hour when

he has the time and the in-

clination to weigh their

costs from 15 cents up.

A "Want Ad" in The Star

qualifications.

he got it.

"If the pains are tolerable, I will

AT GRIDIRON FEAST Bill Concerns Recording Sales Details of Russia's Advance on

But at Height of the Rejoicing the Bogus "Peerless Leader" Is Unmasked.

GOOSE AS PEACE'S DOVE CARRIES CHEERING NEWS

Roosevelt Willing to Give Arms of

Barnes to Cause. WILEY BOOM IS LAUNCHED

Primary for Insurgents Only Places

Pure Food Man in Running. Faust, With Variations, a Feature of Evening.



LOUIS GARTHE, New President of the Gridiron Club.

(Harris & Ewing photo.)

To hold a distorted mirror up to great the bull's-eye of comment on public afiron Club's dinner. This was exemplified in the first dinner of the season given by pany of distinguished guests.

guests and hosts, filed into the great banquet hall, the President of the United States escorted by the vice president of the club, Louis Garthe, leading the way, while the Marine Band played an appropriate march. As they stood behind their chairs one could have observed among them men prominent in every not-

Song of Good Cheer.

The room in darkness, they were greeted with a song of good cheer, followed subject to all the penalties imposed by by a brief and hearty welcome from Vice that pleasure in the absence of President Oulahan, who is presently beyond the seas. Then the lights flashed up and vitalized a scene of rare beauty in the em-

The dinner started off with a swing, for much must be done within four hoursspeeches by the guests that are never reported and skits by way of entertainment by the hosts. In this gathering of newspaper men who live by the pen it is ordained that guests may freely wield oratorical the sword without danger of committing hari-kiri. One and only one writ of admonition runs against the company-to speak as if

ladies were indeed present. It seemed last night that Attorney Ger eral Wickersham was the most popular man present-leastways he was most in demand. Hardly had the last oyster disappeared before a strident-voiced "but-"paging" Mr. Wickersham. First, it was a card from "J. Pierpont Morgan, presianxious for a word with the Attorney General. Later, J. Ogden Armour of the beef trust, President Baer of the hard coal trust, McCormick of the harvester trust. Winslow of the indicted shoe machinery trust, Weyerhauser of the lumber trust and Gompers of the "labor trust." were announced as being on the anxious

Vote at Primary.

It fell out that a presidential primary was to be held (for insurgent candidates only) and each diner found at his plate a ballot, printed thus:

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY. For Insurgent Nominces Solely.

Mark lively, please, polls close at 8:15 o'clock. Candidates: Immediatista, Jonathan Bourne, jr.

Editor Daily League Bulletin. Explosivista, Robert M. La Follette, Editor Progressive News. Put an X in the square opposite

your favorite. If you scratch, bear in mind that the name is spelled "C-u-m-m-i-n-s," a Progressivista. Tally clerks will collect votes promptly on time.

After the ballots were gathered in and counted some confusion was caused by two men, resembling Bourne and La Follette, rushing into the room in a state of great indignation. They hotly declared they had been "buncoed," and upon in vestigation their complaint seemed to be Trial Postponed of Those Charged well founded. The returns showed that the utmost independence had been exer-

cised in balloting, with some "ringers" appearing among the candidates. James R. Garfield received 4 votes, Senator Cummins 1, Senator Capp 1, Senator Bristow 1, La Follette 10½, Bourne 23 and "Doc" Wiley 161. Notwithstanding the protests of bogus La Follette and Bourne, "Doc" Wiley was declared the choice of the primary.

Opera "Faust" Rendered.

The excellent vocal material available in the club's list of members permitted (Continued on Fifth Page.)

PROVIDES FOR PRICE KEEPS MOVE SECRET

of District Real Estate.

AMOUNT MUST BE GIVEN

Real Consideration, Not Fictitious, According to Measure.

WILL BE HELP TO ASSESSOR

Official Then Has Opinion of Both Buyer and Seller Is Argument Advanced.

A bill that is liable to cause contate circles was introduced in the completely in the dark. How large a the board of assessors of the District Tabriz and Teheran. in their work of placing accurate and Newspapers and politicians generally

unimproved property. The following explanation of the bill draw. Representative Henry George, a mem- Times predicts that Russia's first act real consideration is not recited in council. deeds of conveyance. Often a consideration of only \$1 is given as the price paid for a parcel of ground, when the newspapers state that \$100,-000 or \$200,000 was paid instead of the traditional "one dollar."

Help to the Assessor.

"If the real consideration is set out seller as to what the property is many instances where property is assessed for only a very small per cent consideration will greatly aid the assessor in his official work."

Following is the text of the measure: 'Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any fficer, or any of his deputies or clerks, whose duty it is or may hereafter become, to put to record any deed conveyance for any real estate the District of Columbia, or to put to record any mortgage or deed of upon any real estate in said Disunless said deed of conveyance, mortgage or deed of trust is accompanied by a statement, subscribed and sworn to an oath, by the grantor in deeds of conveyance, or by the mortgagee in mortgages or deeds of trust, to the effect that the consideration, as set out in the said deed of conveyance, mortgage, deed of trust or other like recordable paper, is the entire and real consideration actually passed or to be passed.

Provision for Liens.

"Neither shall any consideration greater that that fully expressed in the conveyance, mortgage or deed of trust, be or ecome a lien upon the property described in the said paper.

"Neither shall any consideration for the execution of any such aforesaid paper, which is greater than the consideration mentioned therein, be collectible in any ourt of law or equity. "Any person who shall swear falsely in

"Any recording officer who shall violate the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction, be removed from office; and, in ditions.

bellishment of floral decoration and flashing glass and silver. ENDS LIFE WITH GUN

Boyd, President of Tradesmen Trust Company, Shoots Self.

PHILADELPHIA, December 9.-Peter Tradesmen Trust Company of this city, which went into the hands of a receiver about two months ago, shot and killed himself today in his law offices on the thirteenth floor of an office

His body was found by a scrub women who entered the offices to clean them late this afternoon. There was a bullet wound in his head and near the body was found a revolver.

Worry Over Failure.

Worry and anxiety occasioned by the failure of the trust company is believed to have mentally deranged Mr. Boyd was much broken physically. The trust company closed its doors September 18. In a statement to the depositors Mr. Boyd said that inability to promptly realize on certain outstanding loans impaired the bank's financial condition and promised to pay depositors dollar for dollar. Mr. Boyd was fifty-seven years old.

He had a lucrative practice in the civil courts and in the management of estates. He was prominent in city affairs, and was a popular speaker on and act upon any bills the governor in a few days ago commuted the convict's the stump in the interests of the republican party, but never sought an office for himself. He is survived by a widow and one son, twenty-one years jority yote, so that any bill vetoed by and said he did not believe he would old. In 1909 he was married to Mrs Isabel Warner Bartholmew, formerly by the republicans if they so desire. of Hartford, Conn., and New York.

BLAME FOR AUSTIN DISASTER

With Involuntary Manslaughter.

COUDERSPORT, Pa., December 9 .-Company of Austin, Pa.; Frederick N. Hamlin, superintendent, and Michael C. twenty in number, aggregating more than Bailey, an employe, charged with invol- \$1,000,000. untary manslaughter, in connection with the deaths of three score persons Sep- turpentine land leases represent "money tember 30, when the paper company's dam invested or employed in manufacturing" tinued until the March term.

Persia Not Made Known.

ENGLAND'S DELICATE PLACE

Fears to Take Hand Because of Possible War With Germany.

SHUSTER HELD RESPONSIBLE

Believe He Is Efficient and Has Good Intentions, But Not Considered

Diplomatic.

LONDON. December 9.-Details as to the advance of the Russian troops in siderable commotion in local real es- Persia have been kept for several days House yesterday by Chairman John- force has been dispatched by the Russon of the District committee. It sian government and particulars as to requires, in brief, that in all deeds, its movements are unknown in London, mortgages and deeds of trust re- but the public generally feel that the end corded in the District of Columbia will be that the establishment of a Rusthe "real consideration" must be stat- sian protectorate over the best parts of ed. The measure is intended to aid Persia, including two northern capitals,

proper valuations upon improved and regard it as unlikely that Russia, once entrenched in Teheran, will ever with-

was given out upon its introduction by The Teheran correspondent of the ber of the House District committee: will be to substitute a new form of "Too frequently in the District the government for that of the national

Possible damage to British commercial

Blow to British Prestige.

interests is absorbing much attention, but the blow to British prestige among orientals causes most anxiety. The Outlook says: "We are face to face with one of the gravest crises in the history of British policy in Asia. The Nation says: "It means the worst In the conveyance, then the assessor blow which our prestige could suffer in has the opinion of both buyer and the east. We appear as the weak partner, who dares not try to check his powerful and unscrupt

Blame Placed on Shuster.

W. Morgan Shuster, the American of the reported consideration paid for treasurer general in Persia, whose disthe property. A disclosure of the real missal was demanded by Russia, is held responsible for bringing the Persian troubles to a crisis. He has been one of the most discussed men in England during the last week. All officials as well as the newspapers credit him with efficiency and good intentions, but accuse him o lacking diplomatic tact. The British cabinet is trying to induce Russia to abate her demands, but the crux of the matter is the tension with Germany, which overshadows all other considerations. England needs Russia support in case of a war with Germany,

DISSOLVING TOBACCO TRUST. Carrying Out the Plan Accepted by the Government.

stand against her.

and therefore cannot afford to take a

RICHMOND, Va., December 9.-Fifeen directors of the American Tobacco Company, led by R. B. Dula of New York, gathered here today to inspect the vast properties of the company and adjust their distribution under the plan terday from a member of Congress, it of dissolution accepted by the federal

The American division of the trust Spanish war veteran, to end his life take the Allen & Ginter branch, and the his room at the house of H. W. Quinn, making the statement herein provided for P. Lorillard Company takes the Federal 1227 O street northwest, shortly after shall be deemed guilty of perjury and Cigar Company.

It is understood throughout the various plants and departments that there will be no changes in present working con-

MILLION FOR PICTURES.

P. A. B. Widener Said to Have Paid

That Amount for Rembrandt's. NEW YORK, December 9.-P. A. B. Widener of Philadelphia, who bought young man was seen alive. Rembrandt's picture of "The Mill" for \$500,000 last spring, according to information just received by the American Art News from its London correspondent, has acquired three great Rembrandts for the approximate sum of \$1,000,000. These three paintings, said to be of exception- May until September. Since September him. ally fine quality and typical examples of the great Dutch master, are "Apostle Peter at a Writing Desk," "Portrait of a Man" and a scriptural piece. Mr. Widener has figured in several large

est purchases yet credited to an Amerart transaction recorded this year.

SCHEME TO CHECK WILSON.

Plans of New Jersey Republicans to Pass Vetoed Bills.

TRENTON, N. J., December 9.-The is likely that the body will be interred steering committees of the republican at Arlington by the Spanish War senators and assemblymen met in joint conference at the statehouse today to ing session of the legislature. In a general way it was decided to carry out Patrick Kiernan Will Soon Be Re- occurrence. the pledges that were embodied in the republican state platform during the

upon a large batch of bills after the board of parole which met at the prison powers of their minds. of the usual length, a temporary adjourn- prison in point of years of confinement are certain of being accepted. ment will be had for two or three weeks and has been a model prisoner, never and then the two houses will reconvene once being reprimanded. When Gov. Dix the meantime may have vetoed. In New Jersey the legislature may pass for parole Kiernan seemed little moved bills over the governor's veto by a ma-

TAXES AMOUNT TO MILLION. Right to Collect From Naval Stores

Corporations, Says Court. JACKSON, Miss., December 9 .- A Harrison county circuit court decree today sus-George C. Bayless of Binghamton, N. Y., tained the right of State Revenue Agent president of the Bayless Pulp and Paper Adams to collect delinquent back taxes from naval stores corporations, about

The suits are based on the theory that at Austin burst, will not be tried at the and leagally may be assessed as such, December term of court. This became despite any claim that the land and timknown today when the cases were con- ber on it are assessed against the original owners.

TAMPERS WITH JURY VERDICT OF GUILTY ENDS HIS OWN LIFE Venireman in Beef Packers'

FEATURES OF THE FALL DINNER OF THE GRIDIRON CLUB.

Case "Spoken To."

MAKES REPORT TO JUDGE

First Suspicion of Attempt to Influence Decision.

is believed, was the last of a series of DEFENSE MAKES CHALLENGE

takes over the R. A. Patterson and the last night by inhaling illuminating Contractor Goes Through All Tests, during the vessel's remarkable voyage. But Attorneys Seem Afraid 5 o'clock, about five hours after he re-

CHICAGO, December 9.-The first suspicion of an attempt to tamper with the M. Veale, a venireman from Malta, Ill., of God. told the court that he had been "spoken to" in the corridors of the Federal buildtents of the communication and went to ing.

His body was taken to the morgue last proached him and attempted to talk to night, and Coroner Nevitt, after an investigation, issued a certificate of suicide. North was an engineer and had worked said that he repulsed the man, and was at the Woodward apartment house from unable to give an accurate description of American or Canadian port, Sandford

he had not been employed, and filness and . "A man came up to me and asked me picture sales, but this is one of the larg- in a Colorado regiment during the Span- as I could not talk about the case. I ish-American war, and that last year he didn't pay much attention to him and into the lake of fire, but that no matican collector, and is the most important spent some time in the convalescent camp didn't know him. He said he was from ter at what cost, I would obey God." at Nashville, Tenn., coming from that Springfield."

Judge Carpenter questioned Veale sharply, but was unable to ascertain relatives live at Latimer, Iowa, where whether the man intended to tamper with

May Not Be Jury Tampering.

"Veale could not describe the man, so there is little chance of finding him. However, the jury will be carefully guarded to prevent a repetition of the

OSSINING, N. Y., December 9.—Patrick en jurors after putting them over the difthe defense had practically selected elev-It was decided to also recommend to Kiernan, who has spent twenty-five years, ficult educational hurdles. Attorneys for the senate and house caucuses that the eight months and seven days in Sing Sing the packers continued to apply psychic legislature had adjourned for the year. this afternoon has agreed to his release. tory to the defense six are of the original In accordance with this, after a session Kiernan is the oldest convict now in the twelve tendered by the government and

The defense used its first peremptory

sentence so that he would be eligible challenge today to be rid of John D. Brown, a contractor, tendered by the government. Brown went through all the devise, but they seemed afraid of him. chailenged by the defense after he refixed opinion. in the box tonight. J. Ogden Armour and Edward Tilden

IN SANDFORD'S CASE

of Six on Board Yacht Coronet.

Special Dispatch to The Star. Frank W. Sandford, skipper of the Holy Ghost and Us yacht Coronet, was found guilty this afternoon on an indictment The Coronet put into Portland in October of this year, after having drifted aimlessly about since June, 1910, when Sandford and his converts started out to

The jury returned a verdict in ten minutes today, apparently being little affected by Sandford's remarkable plea. Sandford said God was always with the Coronet until members of the flock rebear them, but if they are intolerable jury which is to try the ten Chicago beef belled. Then they were chastised. The packers made its appearance today when death on board, he said, was an act and many witnesses. The record of that

> before a God who listens and knows Asked why he did not put into some

"It is the will of God," was Sand-

RUSSIA IS MURE AMIABLE Man Who Jumped to Death Fed-

That Passport Controversy Will Be Adjusted.

Special Cablegram to The Star.

plan of adjournment by followed, which prison for killing a man in Long Island tests to the jurors to determine their acwould prevent the governor from acting City, is to be paroled in a few days. The curacy of observation and the analytical message to Congress, together with the application for a pension. efforts of Ambassador Guild, has had question, and it is believed here in diplo- months in southern jails and once connecessity of the United States abrogating | dent Lincoln. the treaty of 1832. The Russian government, in the negotiations now in progress, has emphazed its desire not to enforce a total exclusion of the Jews and to investigate all legitimate complaints of hardship impo ed by Lighted Match Cause of Damage to the existing laws.

> Only 12 Days Left for

OIL KING NOT COMING FATE OF MINERS **Declines Invitation to Appear**

Before Stanley Committee.

DENIES MERRITTS' STORY

Declares Their Charges Are False and Have Been Retracted.

DEEMS REPLY UNNECESSARY

Rev. F. T. Gates Takes Similar Ground and Lays Stress on the

Retraction.

NEW YORK, December 9.- John D. Rockefeller and the Rev. Frederick T. tion of Chairman Stanley of the congressional investigating committee to appear before the committee if they cared to make a statement concerning the testimony recently given by Leonidas and Alfred Meritt. Mr. Rockefeller's letter, dated at Pocantico Hills, December 9, and addressed to Chairman Stanley, reads: "Dear Sir: The narration of Leonidas and Alfred Merritt before your committee was in substance the repetition of statements made by them in a controversy closed fifteen years ago. The statements are false. They were so declared by me at the time in sworn testimony and upon cross-examination. Before the receipt of your invitation I had repeated my denial in a statement generally published in the press. Their own signed retraction is be-

"I therefore deem it unnecessary to be recovered. Few expect to find any avail myself of the opportunity now offered to appear before your committee. given up hoping. Yours truly, "JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER."

Gates Also Cites Retraction. Mr. Gates' letter is dated from 26 Broadway, New York, December 9, and

is as follows:

"Sixteen years ago the Merritts swore to these charges, just as positively as they did before your committee. Then they signed a retraction of the whole thing. They acknowledge that retrac-"By those who believe in me, no de-

nial before your committee is needed. By those who believe in the Merritts no testimony from me is needed to substantiate the Merritts' own acknowledged "To be sure, the Merritts now swear that the retraction was not true. But if

they signed an untruth, no testimony om me is needed as to their veracity.

Confronted With Retraction. "When Leonidas Merritt, while testifyng before your committee, was unex-Found Responsible for Deaths pectedly confronted with that fatal retraction, it is interesting to observe his confusion. The official record lies before was hoped to draw out the gases and per me. He first blurted right out that it was agreed between the attorneys that the thing signed should never be recorded; that it was to be kept secret between the parties. Did Mr. Merritt come down from Duluth to testify before your com-PORTLAND, Me., December 9.-Rev. mittee, supposing that that secret document would not confront him? If so, he forgot that it was one of the very conditions agreed upon that the retraction might be published.

> "I am interested to note that a few mo-"These gentlemen objected very stren-

uously to coming before this committee: establish Holy Ghost stations all over the did not want to talk with me, and begged me not to bring them here. "No wonder.

"The story of the Merritts was contradicted by Mr. Rockefeller and myself in the United States circuit court in Duluth. and with the support of many documents of Edgar S. Sutton, foreman miner i case is duly filed in that court, and includes the Merritts' retraction of every charge. My sworn testimony was true 7, which reached Briceville at 5:30 o'clock then: it has never been retracted; it is true today. It is available for the purposes of your committee.

Did Not Wait for Invitation.

"We did not wait for your invitation. Immediately on the publication of the Merritts and that he never called any loan made to them. Your committee is simply a means of reaching the public It decides nothing and could decide nothing in respect of this matter. I prefer to reach the public direct. Very truly,

KNOWN AS PRYCE LEWIS.

"FREDERIC T. GATES,"

eral Spy in Civil War. NEW YORK, December 9.- The man plosion was Ernest McDaniels, the sole

who somersaulted down from the dome of the World building, 375 feet, to death on the sidewalk last Wednesday, was identified today as Pryce Lewis, said to had entered a lateral off the main shaft be the first federal spy of the civil war, and succeeded in getting into the open be-Charles Newkirk of Jersey City made fore the flames and smoke caught them. the identification by the dead man's mione's fan plant, was found buried and clothing, the face being unrecognizable. mangled under the cave-in in the main Newkirk said that Lewis was eighty- shaft. ST. PETERSBURG, December 9 .- Al. three years old, lived in Jersey City though the negotiations are not yet near and committed suicide, he thought, to

FIRE IN OIL-COATED BASIN. Vessels at Anchor.

match dropped into the Erie basin in Brooklyn ignited its oll-coated surface to-mouth of a vertical ventilator, leading day and two vessels at anchor in the to the top of the mountain, fires have flame-topped waters were badly scorched been built to create a circulation of before the blaze died down.

the South American liner Javary, just in mouth of the mine. from Rio and preparing for dry dock, extinguished a dozen fires about her bow before the blaze had licked up its floating fuel. Fireboats and a battery of fire en-

FIVE CENTS.

Terrific Explosion Entombs More Than One Hundred Men in Tennessee.

HOPE OF QUICK RESCUE **ABANDONED BY WORKERS**

Heavy Fall of Slate, Rock and Earth

in Passages.

Gates formally declined today the invita- Mouth of Mine Surrounded by Fran-

tic Women and Children-Red

FEAR ALL HAVE PERISHED

Cross Makes Offer of Assistance.

BRICEVILLE, Tenn., December 9 .-Hours must elapse before rescuers, working desperately, can reach the miners. now definitely determined to be from 126 to 156 who were buried alive in lateral the shafts cleared enough to gain access to the chambers where the living may be confined or where their dead bodies may be recovered. Few expect to find any

Briceville tonight is a scene of mourn ing. The wives and children of the miners now fear that not a single man lives in ill-fated Cross Mountain mine. In scores of homes the pitiful wails of women and children are heard by the passerby, while at the mouth 'Sir: I have received your letter, say- mine fully fifty women, some with babe ing that if I care to do so I may ap- at their breasts and others with children pulling at their skirts, still battle bravely to keep up their spirits, and hope against

Force of Explosion Terrific.

The bodies of the two miners recovered Lee Polston and Pearlie Rolen, show that terrific. Polston, whose body was found this afternoon near the ventilating fan of recognition, even his shoes and clothing having been blown off. Rolen's body, recovered tonight at 9 o'clock, is in little the Merritts themselves now swear that better condition.

> A large crew of rescuers are still at work at 10 o'clock and a new fan was being installed at the main entrance of the mine to force fresh air into th shaft, while a suction fan was being placed in a passageway of the Beachy mine, on the opposite side of the moun tain, which connects with the Cros Mountain mine, and by this means it mit the entrance of the rescuers Members of nearly half the families in reach the men, nearly 2000 persons, including loved ones of the ill-fated men,

are gathered around the mouth of the mine, frantically awaiting news.

Heartrending Sobs Heard. The glare from the torches used by the workers and from the fires which have ments later, the chairman interrupted the been built to furnish light and heat was testimony to make the following state- reflected upon the darkened countenance of men, women and children. The sobs

well, are almost heartrending. The rescue work is under the directio of Supt. P. F. Lynch of the mine, Presdent T. I. Stephenson of the operating company and two crews from the min rescue service of the federal governmen One of the latter is under the direction charge of the Knoxville rescue station and the other under William Burke, engineer in charge of mine rescue car No. this evening from Artemus.

News of the explosion spread Creek district, and the men found their of their mines, as all operations for the day were suspended. The miners from enter the shaft and search for their hus bands and sons. Kind hands prevented this, and unavailing attempts were made

to soothe them Men Work Feverishly.

worked feverishly, refusing to leave their posts even though urged by others, and although volunteers for the rescue work were plentiful, until they had worn themselves completely out, and had to be aided to the pure air outdoors. One of the rescuing party who was

nearly ten years ago.

among the first to arrive after the ex-

Rescuers Impeded.

Rescue workers are making scarcely any headway. The government's rescue Newkirk said that Lewis had recounted car and force is on hand, as are many the effect of bringing Russia to a more to him many thrilling experiences of the rescuers and engineers from all over the amiable attitude toward the passport civil war, claiming that he had been district. the bowels of the mountain. According matic circles that the controversy will be demned to die. Many times, Newkirk to President Stephenson of the iron consettled in such manner as to preclude the said. Lewis was the bodyguard of Presi- pany, the men, if they had reached their posts, were in lateral shafts when the explosion occurred, which blocked the

main shafts. This encourages many on the surface to hope that some may be Late this afternoon there was little prospect of an early rescue. Workers have encountered dense and compact deposits of slate, earth, rock and coal NEW YORK, December 9.-A lighted in the main shaft of the mine, and. air from within the mine, if possible The Pennsylvania railroad lighter Lo- Rescuers are engaged in digging the cust Valley was almost destroyed, and be removed about one mile to the

Extent of Blockade Not Known.

It is not yet possible to determine gines combined efforts in fighting the fire, whether this blockading of the entry is but made little impression except to scat- shallow or whether it extends hundreds It is the custom of vessels preparing for dry dock to shed their oil and waste upon the water of the basin and that is what outward, and this, miners state, is indice lative of a serious explosion beyond

led a delegation of seven of the ten packers into the courtroom just as the session opened. The four days of the trial have begun to wear on the packers, and all took the proceedings more seriously than

on previous days.

scene now," said Sandford, "I am talking

his room. That was the last time the Veale created a sensation when he dehim concerning his opinions in the case. and I make this statement advisedly, An investigation was started immediate- knowing what I am doing. I received ly, but the man was not located. Veale this answer: 'Continue.'

"It looked a little queer, but may have been merely a passing incident," said Feeling in St. Petersburg Is

Defense in First Challenge.

tests Attorneys Payne and Miller could Alonzo Kelley, one of the jurors who has puzzled the court and been the source of considerable perplexity to the indicted packers because of his brilliantly evolved replies to questions, was peremptorily fused to state whether or not he had a The name of Senator Kenyon, who will act as advisory counsel for the government, was brought into the case when Edward P. Skene, a land expert for the Illinois Central railroad, said that he knew the senator, as well as members of the counsel for each side. He was left

Christmas Shopping.

caught fire today.